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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was weak to barely steady in the East, barely steady in the Midwest, and generally steady in the West. However, definite values are yet to be determined as offerings remain available for current needs. Some feature activity was reported with interest fairly good. However, retail movement was below expectations as demand was reported as mostly slow. Food service movement was light to good, best into fast food locations. In the parts structure, trading was best on B/S breast, other items movement was usually light with product often available especially on dark meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 64.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.75 cents last year on July 25, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	68.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.50
WINGS	52.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady on local markets, but barely steady in shipping channels. Retail demand was light and unaggressive. Fast food business was irregular but reported as moderate to good. However, offerings and supplies of WOG's were usually more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was best on breast items. Balance of parts were at least fully adequate for requirements. In production areas, live supplies were fully adequate. Weights were generally desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light and unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers remained selective and cautious. Offerings of all sizes were readily available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was very light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were in very good balance. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings and tenderloins were ample.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Offerings remained fully sufficient on 3 and up birds, adequate on smaller sizes for a limited buyer interest. Movement into food service and retail accounts was light to fair, occasionally good into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Sizes were mostly desirable. Although parts offerings were more limited overall, buyers remain selective and hesitant to extend beyond regular commitments. Supplies of wings and leg quarters were fully adequate, whole breasts and boneless/skinless breasts varied, adequate to in close balance. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and leg quarters, about steady on whole breasts and steady to fully steady on boneless/skinless breasts.

WESTERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings were easily adequate to accommodate current needs. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best to cover ads by stores and specials by fast foods. Floor stocks were generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 07/20/02		PERCENT CHANGE
	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	207,793	208,170	0
CHICKS PLACED	164,857	164,118	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 20, 2002. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 20, 2002. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through July 20, 2002 were 4.93 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 31-Aug-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 61.46 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 24, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	921	127.50-220.00	134-138	138.77
TENDERLOINS	154	105.00-185.00	110-115	127.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	84.00-88.00	84-86	85.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	349	10.00-17.00	11-12	11.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,376	12.00-26.00	18-19	18.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	47.00-54.00	50-52	52.47
WINGS (CUT)	401	61.00-71.00	61-63	63.01
DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-42.00	-	36.78
THIGHS	32	30.00-46.00	-	34.95
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	928	127.00-220.00	138-142	141.89
TENDERLOINS	109	110.00-185.00	110-115	133.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	84.00-87.00	84-85	85.01
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.43
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	423	11.00-17.00	11-12	11.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,256	13.00-26.00	17-19	19.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	47.00-53.00	50-52	51.76
WINGS (CUT)	352	61.00-65.00	61-63	62.11
DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-47.00	-	37.40
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.75 - 40.50	36.51	36.65 - 41.50	38.05	36.73

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity remained light to fair at best during midweek trading as dealers cautiously assessed market developments. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were in very good balance. However, bone-in breasts remained sufficient with buyers very selective and resisting product offered at premium price levels. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Tenderloins and wings were increasingly available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was sluggish. The market tone was fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, steady on bone-in breasts, no better than steady on dark meat cuts and weak on wings and tenderloins.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES JULY 23, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	141.09	417,310
TENDERLOINS	100-105	103.62	103,490
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	83.75	171,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	79.68	140,200
LEGS	32-33	34.81	103,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.03	617,840
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	29.38	200,330
THIGHS	18-19	25.21	105,260
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.87	95,170
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	60.73	126,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.72	22,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	13.87	17,460
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	37.96	30,810

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	142.79	511,460
TENDERLOINS	95-100	102.60	101,050
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.88	142,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	78.75	111,880
LEGS	32-33	35.14	125,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.46	309,560
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	35.58	76,800
THIGHS	18-19	24.85	105,960
B/S THIGHS	62-63	61.77	130,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53	60.23	167,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	42,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	17.76	12,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	38.21	26,160

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/24	07/23	07/22	07/19	07/17
ALA	4,159	4,118	4,043	4,006	4,070
ARK	5,456	5,346	5,374	5,084	5,377
DELMARVA	2,403	2,318	2,351	2,276	2,341
KY-LA-TN	2,029	2,010	1,993	2,140	1,900
MISS	2,931	2,884	2,925	2,938	2,942
NC	2,638	2,657	2,610	2,659	2,628
TEXAS	2,452	2,441	2,447	2,435	2,428
TOTAL	22,068	21,774	21,743	21,713	21,686
MON-WED67,680 (A)					64,972 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Jul 02 and is estimated to be 33,016,000 up 1.46 percent from a week ago and up 5.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,542,000; last year 31,311,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK
FRESH FRYERS	94-95	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-113	113
HENS OVER 5#	94-98	-
DUCKS	152-166	-

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-JUL-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/27/02 (1)	07/20/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	163,785(2)	164,653
LT HENS	2,004	1,731
HVY HENS	1,577	1,845
CHECK TOTAL	167,366	168,229

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Jul-02 is 163.4 million head compared to 160.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 03Aug-02 the estimated available is 162.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 22-JUL-02	214,240	75,383
AM 01-JUL-02	208,058	76,269
CHG	6,182	-886
PCT CHG	3	-1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/22/02	07/15/02	07/23/01	07/22/02	07/15/02	07/23/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	26,056	26,127	29,139	5,488	4,898	3,434
LOS						
ANGELES	350	353	16,789	3,588	3,297	31

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 22, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-59
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 7/23/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.25	.79
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.50	.80	.64
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.70	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	1.05	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.10	.93
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.05	1.20	1.12
RABBITS lb.	.45	1.20	.65
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	.90	2.50	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
TURKEY POULTS ea.	3.00	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	117		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 19, 2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	60.79	140.29	84.17	14.03	18.71	60.79
High	67.81	149.64	93.53	23.38	23.38	60.79
Mostly	65.47	149.64	93.53	18.71	23.38	60.79

SAN JUAN

Low	60.79	126.26	84.17	23.38	14.03	53.78
High	65.47	144.97	93.53	32.73	18.71	53.78
Mostly	63.13	133.27	84.17	30.40	16.37	53.78

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	58.45	140.29	84.17	14.03	18.71	60.79
High	67.81	149.64	93.53	23.38	23.38	60.79
Mostly	65.47	140.29	84.17	18.71	18.71	60.79

BECERRA

Low	63.13	130.94	88.85	28.06	16.37	56.12
High	66.40	140.29	98.20	32.73	21.04	56.12
Mostly	65.47	133.27	88.85	30.40	18.71	56.12

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was disappointingly below expectations and insufficient to satisfactorily clear readily available offerings. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment remained weak. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were well balanced and continued to clear satisfactorily. Other cuts were at least adequate and were often competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	45-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.46
NO. OF BOXES	7,942

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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